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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PINS GK

SUBJ: TERRORISM

REF A. ATHENS 1155 (NOTAL) B. KUWAIT 0624 C. KUWAIT 0690

D. ATHENS 555 (NOTAL) E. ATHENS 575 (NOTAL)

1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO EARLIER CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL VLACHOS, EMBOFF BRIEFED VLACHOS ON SALIENT POINTS OF EMBASSY KUWAIT'S FEBRUARY 14 DEMARCHE TO GOK (REF B) AS CIRCUMSCRIBED BY REF C.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION, VLACHOS REPEATED REMARKS HE MADE FEBRUARY 22 (REF A) TO AMBASSADOR CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN POLITICAL AND COMMON CRIMES MUST BE ABOLISHED. HE AGAIN TERMED IDEA OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CRIME AS A NINETEENTH CENTURY CONCEPT NOW OUTDATED. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COULD SOON BE CONVENED TO STUDY THE PROBLEM, BUT NOTED THAT WORK OF ANY SUCH CONFERENCE WOULD BE EXTREMELY COMPLICATED. IN REFERENCE TO THE TWO TERRORISTS NOW BEING HELD BY GOG, VLACHOS STATED GOG POSITION THAT IT IS THE JUCICIARY WHICH DECIDES WHETHER A CRIME IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED OR NOT.

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3. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ATHENS CRIMINAL COURT

HAS ALREADY FOUND THE TWO GUILTY AS COMMON CRIMINALS AND SENTENCED THEM TO DEATH (REF D). THE CASE IS NOW ON APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER TETENES, ON OCCASION (IME. REF E), HAS ASSERTED "GOVERNMENT'S" RIGHT TO REVIEW AND DISPOSE OF THE CASE FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE JUDICIAL PROCESS. HE HAS ALSO STATED HIS PRIVATE OPINION THAT THE ATHENS TWO WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. TASCA

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